

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 17: CRIMES
Chapter 13-A: BEANO OR BINGO

§311. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings. [1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW).]

1. Beano. "Beano" means a specific kind of group game of chance, regardless of whether such a game is characterized by another name. Wherever the term "beano" is used, the word "bingo" or any other word used to characterize such a game may be interchanged. In "beano," each participant is given or sold one or more tally cards, so-called, each of which contains preprinted numbers or letters and may or may not be arranged in vertical or horizontal rows. The participant covers or marks the numbers or letters as objects similarly numbered or lettered are drawn from a receptacle and the winner or winners are determined by the sequence in which those objects are drawn. The manner in which the winner is determined must be clearly announced or displayed before any game is begun. Until July 1, 1994, a game described in this subsection is "beano" and a licensee may conduct such a game regardless of whether the manner of determining the winner is specifically described as a permissible manner of determining the winner in rules adopted by the Chief of State Police.

[1991, c. 796, §2 (AMD) .]

1-A. Commercial beano hall permit. "Commercial beano hall permit" means written authority from the Chief of the State Police issued to a permittee who rents or leases premises for profit to a licensee to hold, conduct or operate "beano."

[1999, c. 74, §1 (NEW) .]

1-B. Chief of State Police. "Chief of the State Police" or "chief" means the Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee.

[2001, c. 342, §1 (NEW) .]

2. Equipment. "Equipment" shall mean the receptacle and numbered objects to be drawn from it; the master board upon which such objects are placed as drawn; the tally cards or sheets bearing such numbers to be covered and the objects used to cover them; the boards or signs, however operated, used to display the numbers as they are drawn; public address systems; and any other articles essential to the operation, conduct and playing of "Beano."

[1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW) .]

3. License. "License" shall mean that written authority from the Chief of the State Police to hold, conduct or operate the amusement commonly known as "Beano" for the entertainment of the public within the State of Maine. A location permit must accompany the license to be valid.

[1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW) .]

4. Licensee. "Licensee" shall mean any organization which has been granted a license by the Chief of the State Police to hold, conduct or operate "Beano" or "Bingo."

[1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW) .]

5. Location permit. "Location permit" shall mean that card issued by the Chief of the State Police, describing the premises or area in which "Beano" may be conducted. Such location permit must be accompanied by a license. Only such locations expressly described in the location permit shall be used for the conduct of any game.

[1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW) .]

6. Organization. "Organization" shall mean any firm, association or corporation authorized to conduct "Beano" in accordance with this chapter.

[1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW) .]

7. Period. "Period" shall mean the number of calendar weeks authorized by a single license for the operation of "Beano" or "Bingo."

[1975, c. 307, §2 (NEW) .]

7-A. Permittee. "Permittee" means an individual, corporation, partnership or unincorporated association that rents or leases a building or facilities for profit to a licensee to hold, conduct or operate "beano."

[1999, c. 74, §1 (NEW) .]

7-B. Wild number beano. "Wild number beano" means a beano occasion, game or series of beano games in which a number is picked or denoted as a wild number that may be used to fill any number or letter on a beano card.

[1999, c. 419, §1 (NEW) .]

8. Winner-take-all round. "Winner-take-all round" means a beano game or series of beano games in which all the proceeds from the sale of the cards for that round are paid to participants as prizes during that round.

[1987, c. 197, §1 (NEW) .]

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